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SUBJECT: FOLLOW UP TO DARFUR TROOP CONTRIBUTION DEMARCHE -
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Classified By: Ambassador David Hale for Reasons 1.4 (b), (d)

¶1. (C) Jamal Al-Shamayleh, deputy chief of the Foreign Ministry's International Organizations Department, told poloff April 27 that Arab African states were lining up against the UN taking charge in Darfur, and that the African Union wanted to retain control of peacekeeping operations in Darfur. Some Arab African states - he would not say which - had approached Jordan for support. Shamayleh said the GOJ was "caught between them" and its inclination to support the U.S. position. He noted that Jordan,s PermRep, Prince Zeid bin Ra,ad, played an important role in setting GOJ policy on such issues, and said direct consultations between USUN and Prince Zeid might be useful.

¶2. (C) Comment: In post,s experience, Prince Zeid at times does set policy, and sometimes trumps the Foreign Minister. If USUN senses that Zeid is headed in an unhelpful direction on this issue, post will raise it at higher levels here.

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